# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4334
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2000
DISPOSAL OF WASTE BY HOSPITALS
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have issued any instructions to all the State Pollution Control Boards to compliance with the guidelines made by the Union Government regarding disposal of medical waste by hospitals;

(b) if so, whether not a single State/Union Territory has followed the guidelines;

(c) if so, whether State Pollution Control Boards have not taken any action in this regard;

(d) if so, whether the Government have fixed any responsibility in the matter; and

(e) if so, the action being taken against those violating the guidelines?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a): The management and disposal of bio-medical wastes by hospitals is governed by the Bio-Medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998. Through the Bio-Medical Waste (Management & Handling) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2000 notified by the Ministry of Environment and Forests on 2nd June, 2000,the Prescribed Authority for enforcement of the provisions of these Rules shall be the State Pollution Control Boards in respect of States and Pollution Control Committees in respect of Union TerritoriesAll pending cases with Prescribed Authorities appointed earlier were to be transferred to the concerned State Pollution Control Boards or as the case may be, the Pollution Control Committees. The Ministry of Environment and forests have instructed all the State Pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committees to strictly enforce various provisions of the above Rules.

(b): The Ministry has not received any objection/reservation in this regard.

(c), (d) & (e) : Question does not arise.